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Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated January 21, 2003. **All remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

**REMARKS**

As explained to the Examiner during a telephone conversation on March 19, 2003, the assertion that node 36 of Dobkin (Figure 12) is a floating node is clearly wrong. It is obvious that node 36 is not a floating node, but is connected to the positive potential V+ (note the "V+" sign next to the numeral "36" in Fig. 2 and col. 5, lines 47-49). If the node 36 is floated, the entire SCR circuit of Dobkin would not function. Detailed discussions on this regard are provided below.

Applicants believe that with this issue being resolved, it is clear that the present application is patentable over the cited art. However, should the Examiner disagree with this, he is encouraged to contact the Applicant's